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## NOVEMBER 2011

### 4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to Elijah Bonner, Juanita Bonner, Jasmine Drange, Spencer Drange, Barb Huntington, Blake Lanaghan, Lacey Lanaghan, Moriah Miller, Jane Ryan, and Norma Seder who helped at NILE AG in the Classroom. We also thank Deb and Greg Grice for bringing animals and Pam Swanke for brining leather items to show the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from Yellowstone County.

Good Luck to all of the new officers for this 4-H year.

We are in need of a Fruit Sale co-chair to help Robin Sian. If you are interested please contact Roni.

Remember to check out the Montana Centennial website at [www.mt4hcentennial.squarespace.com](http://www.mt4hcentennial.squarespace.com)

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## FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOVEMBER 19 - METRAPARK

Family Fun Night is a carnival type fund-raising event.

Each 4-H member is asked to:

- 1) Sell pre-event gate tickets (raffle ticket). Be sure to bring one as gate admission.
- 2) Bring a cake or pie for the cake walk or food booth. Bring a book for the book walk.
- 3) Work at their club booth.

Just a reminder - your raffle ticket is your admission ticket. Everyone needs one to get into Family Fun Night. There will be announcements about Family Fun Night on the local radio and television stations. You will see and hear many 4-H leaders and parents.

The Bingo booth gives out nearly 100 Bingo prizes throughout the night. They are asking for donations of small prizes for the adult winners that range in price from \$5 to \$10 dollars. Some ideas include: food related prizes, small themed baskets and gift cards. Questions? Call Kim Sindelar at 698-9306 or email [dover1kff@aol.com](mailto:dover1kff@aol.com)

### Important dates to remember are:

**November 17** - Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse. All unsold tickets and money from pre-event gate tickets **must be turned into the Extension Office. (One check from each club, please.)**

**November 19** - Family Fun Night 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. Dance - Everyone (all ages) welcome Metra Montana Pavilion.

**December 2** - Post Family Fun Night Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 105, Courthouse.

Contact your club representative or the Extension Office if you have questions. Thank you to all 4-H Club representatives for doing a great job!



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**EXTENSION**

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MONTANA PAVILION

**4:00 p.m.** - County awards given in project areas  
(These are the ones 4-H members interviewed for in October.)

Special Awards given:

10 year members

10, 15, 20 and 35 year leaders

Outstanding Leader Awards

Alumni Awards

Friend of 4-H Award

Friendship Award

Club Secretary Awards

Family Fun Night Club Booth Winners

**5:00 p.m.** - Family Fun Night begins.

**7:30 p.m.** - Door prize winners announced. Silent auction closes. Club booth awards.

**9:00 - 10:30 p.m.** - 4-H Dance - Everyone is invited!

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT DANCE

A 4-H family dance will be held from 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. at the MetraPark Montana Pavilion after Family Fun Night. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be an admission fee of \$1.00.



## “CAN IT” CLUB CHALLENGE AT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Yellowstone County Ambassador Team is challenging all 4-H clubs in Yellowstone County. The challenge is \$100 (change/cash/check) or 100 lbs. of food for donation to one of Yellowstone County's public assistance organizations.

Have each club member contribute to your \$100 or 100 lbs. and bring it to Family Fun Night on Nov. 19th at MetraPark to the Ambassador booth just inside the entrance.

This challenge is in celebration of 100 years of 4-H in the

State of Montana. Thank you for your support!

Checks can be made out to: 4-H Council

## TOYS FOR TOTS

We will be collecting Toys for Tots again this year. You may bring your new, unwrapped toys to Family Fun Night or the Extension Office. Thank you for your generosity.

## BILL WRITING WORKSHOP

The Yellowstone County Ambassadors and Junior Leaders will host a bill writing workshop. If you are writing a bill for Citizenship Interviews plan on attending.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

Place: County Courthouse Room 105

Time: 5:30 p.m.

By writing a bill you have an opportunity to win a trip to Helena and/or Washington, DC.

## 4-H DAY AT THE KETTLES

Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> have been designated by The Salvation Army in partnership with Yellowstone County 4-H as 4-H Day at the Kettles! On those two days, 4-H members from around Yellowstone County are encouraged to volunteer to staff the red holiday kettles in the Billings area.



The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign started in 1891 and is now one of the most recognized and important charitable campaigns in the US. A national average of 84¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to people in need served by the Salvation Army. Funds raised in Yellowstone County stay in Yellowstone County.

Let's show 4-H supports those less fortunate in Yellowstone County...it only takes a small amount of your time. Call the Extension Office @ 256-2828 to schedule your time for the 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm or the 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Call Joan Carr, Holiday Kettle

Coordinator at 245-4659 extension 16 if you would like to schedule for another day. (cjk9/13/00)

## CITIZENSHIP TRIPS AVAILABLE

Each year Yellowstone County sends 1–5 individuals to Montana's Citizenship Seminar in Helena and three individuals to Washington Focus in Washington, D.C.

All members 14 and older have received information in the mail. To be considered as a delegate, you must participate and send in your registration and bill by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and participate in the Citizenship Interviews to be held Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Applications were mailed in mid October to 4-H members age 14 and older. Brush up on current affairs, read the newspaper, watch TV news and know your state representatives.

**MT Citizenship Seminar** - Will be in March 2013.  
**Washington Focus** - Will be held June 9–16, 2012. You must be 15 by October 1, 2011.

If you have questions or want more information, contact the Extension Office.

## ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE DEC. 15

All 4-H member and leader forms are due in the Extension Office on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please remember the Animal and/or Horse Project Permission, and Assumption of Risk for 4-H Programs form must accompany member enrollment forms. *Montana 4-H Animal Project Permission & Assumption of Risk Form* - every member enrolled in any project involving large or small animals (i.e., dog, beef, pocket pet, horse, etc.) must complete this form and turn it in with the your member enrollment form.

New Leaders must complete and return the front side (only) of the Leader Enrollment form and the four page Volunteer Application packet. Returning Leaders (those that were leaders last year) must complete both sides of the Leader enrollment form.

Additional forms can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website under "Forms" or picked up at the Extension Office.

Please remember we need your audit, enrollment forms and dues before we may fill your project materials order.

## RANCH HORSE PROJECT

We will be offering the Ranch Horse Project in Yellowstone County this year. This project prepares you and your horse for general ranch work. Horses in this project should have completed the colt to maturity or green horse project. Please use the following project codes for your enrollment forms:

Ranch Horse Level 1	#2331
Ranch Horse Level 2	#2332
Ranch Horse Level 3	#2333
Ranch Horse Level 4	#2334

## REMEMBER TO RECYCLE 4-H MATERIALS

As you begin the new 4-H year, please return any project manuals that have not been written in which you will not be using this year. We can use them for other 4-H members, which allows us to keep our enrollment fees to a minimum and helps our environment!

## 2012 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS FORUM

Wyoming state will be hosting the 2012 Western Regional Leaders Forum on January 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Historic Plains Hotel and the Union Depot in Cheyenne. You will want to start planning now to register for a fun and exciting time under cowboy skies!

"Why do Teens Act that Way? A survival guide to the teen brain" will be the topic of the keynote address presented by Dr. David Walsh. The capnote speaker will be from the Center for Cowboy Ethics and leadership. In between there will be over 83 hours of educational workshops so that all participants will return to their home county with new ideas, re-motivated and ready to take on a new 4-H year. Early bird registration of \$225 ends Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

More information is available at  
[http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp)

## 2012 GREYTAK CALENDARS

It's time! The Montana Ag Calendars featuring Don Greytak are available. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana Youth in 4-H and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and Universities. This 2012 4-H Centennial Edition would make a special holiday gift.

Your club may sell these calendars for \$10.00 each. Your club will earn \$2.50 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

## COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Plan on attending the Communication Contest Day organizational meeting on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse.

We will discuss the date, location, judges and other ideas or suggestions. Someone from each club is asked to attend.

## BIOSCIENCE MONTANA

Are you interested in science? Montana 4-H was selected to participate as the youth component of a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Entitled BioScience Montana, this project will introduce 4 teams of 4-H members in grades 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> to hands-on science and research projects about how the brain makes choices, how scientists deal with infectious diseases, and the connections between nutrition and health. At the same time they will explore careers and studies in health science-related fields as well as digital media and social networking technologies.

Please contact Roni Baker at the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

## 4-H GRANTS

People Partners Grants are available to 4-H club members or groups who would like to do something to help improve the quality of life for children, youth and adults in Montana.

There is an emphasis to encourage participants to learn about their communities and to become active in working on programs that will help to make their community a more attractive, safer and more enjoyable place in which to live.

In the past, services have involved clean-ups, tree plantings and road signs. There will be about \$5,000 available in financial support to programs that will enhance the "quality of living" for PEOPLE in the community. **Applications are due in the Montana 4-H Foundation Office by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.** You can obtain an application at the Extension Office or visiting the link <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31>

Innovative Programming Grants are available to innovative individuals or groups to set up educational programs. This is a very open grant. All you need to do is think of an innovative idea. For example, several years ago the photography project leaders in Meagher County set up a monthly "Meagher County Video Magazine." The project involves kids in learning how to run a camera, conduct interviews, script, edit and create TV productions. Visit the following link for information of how to apply. <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31>  
**Application deadline is April 1, 2012.**

## INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE

In 2012, there will be Outbound programs (various age requirements; minimum age 14) to Australia, Norway and Japan as well as International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) Programs for former 4-H youth age 19-30. Participant & Chaperone applications are due Jan. 1, 2012.

Visit the state 4-H website at: [www.montana4h.org/#program:13](http://www.montana4h.org/#program:13) for more information. Or call Stephanie Davison in Bozeman at 406-334-3502 or email [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) **Deadline: Jan. 1, 2012.**

## 2011-2012 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

The 4-H Council budget for the upcoming 4-H year, which began October 1<sup>st</sup>, will be mailed to each Organizational Leader. Ask your Organizational Leader to see the budget if you are interested in what 4-H Council spends money on during the year. You can also contact Roni at the Extension Office for a copy.

## MSU 2012 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana State University-Bozeman will be awarding a large number of scholarships to academically talented Montana resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall semester 2012. To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

### **Apply for admission to Montana State University.**

Applications are available in the MSU-Bozeman Viewbook or you may apply online at:

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwcat/appopts.html>

**Have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company.**

A variety of **additional scholarships** (with variable criteria) will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2012. To be considered for these scholarships, you must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship application must be postmarked no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This application can be found online at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml>

## **CITIZENSHIP...MAKE SOME GREEN BY BEING GREEN!**

Make money for your 4-H club, school or other community organization by recycling your old cell phones. Absolute Recycling will pay for old, working cell phones, damaged phones and pagers. The amount per phone depends on the age of the phone and its working order.

After you collect 25 phones, check out the website [www.absoluterecycling.com](http://www.absoluterecycling.com) or call 877-237-7235, and Absolute Recycling pays to have the phones shipped to them in Florida and then issues a check to your organization within 5-10 business days. The website has a sample flier and a letter to businesses for your use in promoting the fundraiser. So go green by being green!

## **4-H LICENSE PLATES**

The Montana 4-H License Plate is a great way to show your pride in 4-H and support the program on a state and county level. Cost of the plate is \$35, with \$15 going to the county treasurer, \$10 to the Montana 4-H Foundation and \$10 to the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation.

## CHANGE FOR THE CHALLENGE

Please remember that the Ruth and Vernon Taylor Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000 raised through this campaign to benefit the Montana 4-H Foundation. To date the state 4-H clubs have raised \$55,000, which means we still have \$45,000 that can be matched dollar-for-dollar.

You and your club may bring your "change" or donation to the Extension Office at any time. We will send it on to the Montana 4-H Foundation. The challenge ends in December 2011 so let's help reach the goal of \$100,000!

## NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

National 4-H Conference will be held March 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington, D.C. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action.

### **Who May Attend:**

Montana will send a delegation of up to four participants.

Youth delegate: Must be 15 - 18 years old as of January 1, 2012 and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend.

Adult Chaperone Delegate: Must be an enrolled volunteer in the Montana 4-H Program (24 years or older).

### **Application Process:**

Complete the application available at the Extension office by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be reviewed by selection committee and delegates will be selected.

### **Delegate Expenses:**

Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependant on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,400 total cost per participant.

## NOV. 19 IS FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY

Family volunteering encourages the members of a family to volunteer as a unit. A "family" is "any group of two or more people who consider themselves a family." Family volunteering can be done by the whole family together, by one parent and one child or teen, by siblings together or by extended family such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. It can be as simple as drawing cards for children in the hospital or as complex as bonding hundreds of families together in a day of volunteer work at a community park. However families choose to do it, family volunteering can help mobilize thousands of new volunteers and instill in the next generation a lifelong commitment to volunteering!

National Family Volunteer Day on November 19<sup>th</sup>, is designed to demonstrate the power of families who choose to volunteer together to support the communities in which they live and serve.

Why should your family volunteer?

- Strengthens family communication & bonds.
- Allows family members to be role models.
- Increases commitment to volunteering & community.
- Provides quality family time.

Visit [www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org) to obtain more information on National Family Volunteer Day.

## ANIMALS & ITEMS FOR SALE

Just a reminder that we keep a file at the Extension Office with animals, tack, equipment, etc. for sale. You are welcome to put things in the file and we encourage folks to call and check the file if you are looking for something. If you are interested give us a call, 256-2828.

## 4-H RESOURCE MATERIALS

Some of the 4-H project manuals are designed as leader manuals or resource materials. These are expensive manuals. We have determined the most cost-effective way to make them available is through a check out system. Please come to the Extension Office if you would like to utilize any of the following Animal Resource Manuals:

Beef	Dog	Horse
Rabbit	Sheep	Swine
Meat Goat		

## 4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Yellowstone County News  
Arrow Striping  
ORigen Inc.  
Project Mercantile

Montana Motor Repair  
Billings Kubota  
Lockwood Vet  
Air Controls

## DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

### DEPARTMENT N MEETING

There will be a Department N meeting on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in Courthouse Room 105. Proposed fairbook changes will be voted on at this meeting.

### ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Yellowstone County will be holding a series of NXT Robotics workshop that will be held on Fridays, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 ~ 8:00 pm in Courthouse Room 105.

There is a 15 member limit and you must be at least 11 years old to attend. You do not need to be in the Robotics project to attend. To register call the Extension Office @ 256-2828.

### BABYSITTER WORKSHOP

When: Sat., Nov. 5, 2011 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Where: Courthouse Room 105  
What: 4-H/Army Child & Youth Services  
Babysitting Course for youth aged 12+

Class size limited to 20. You do not need to be in the Babysitting project to attend. Call the Extension Office at 256-2828 to register.

## CERAMICS

We had a good turn out for the October demo on pouring greenware. We had a great time and definitely learned what to do and what not to do!

We will be holding county Ceramics project meetings again this year. The meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Courthouse Room 105 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

If November will be your first time to attend, please call Marilyn @ 697-4015 by Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> so she can purchase ceramics materials for you. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of some basic tools and a small greenware project for the meeting.

For the four new 4-Hers that attended in Oct., Marilyn will bring your tools and your poured greenware. We have set a tentative schedule for our 3<sup>rd</sup> year kids to learn dry-brushing, snow and winter gliter, underglazing and glaze antiquing and paper piecing. It will be a fun year!

Everyone be looking for a holiday piece for the December meeting that is a tree or has a tree as part of the piece.

Questions: Marilyn @ 697-4015 or Maria @ 697-1249

## ATTENTION 4-H CLUBS 4-H SHOWCASE

The first meeting for the spring 2012 Showcase and Public Revue will be held during the November Department N meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105.

Each club must have a Showcase representative attend the Department N meeting to plan for this big event next spring. Clubs not sending representatives may not be allowed to have their members participate.

This would be a good time to encourage a teen leader to attend along with the adult leader.

## LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

### SMALL ANIMAL, SALE & LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

The meetings for these committees will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All fairbook changes will be voted on at these meetings: Small Animal Committte @ 6:00 pm; Sale Committee @ 6:30 pm; Livestock Committee @ 7:30 pm.

### CAT

Everyone in the cat project or interested in cats is invited to attend a Cat Project Meeting and Workshop on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Yellowstone Room at MetraPark (underneath the Grand Stands).

We will have a guest speaker and plan for the rest of the year. **Do not bring your cat.**

### WORKING RANCH HORSE CLINIC

A clinic for 4-H youth, leaders and parents wanting to learn more about the Working Ranch Horse Project will be held Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at Circle L arena in Belgrade. The clinic will be conducted by Scott Schuster, Gallatin County 4-H leader of the project. Cost is \$15 per person for the day-long clinic which starts at 9:00 am. Schuster's extensive background in ranch horse work and ranch roping sets the stage for this clinic's activities that will include ranch horsemanship, roping techniques and a calm, quite approach to roping cattle. Participants should bring a horse, tack and rope with breakaway honda.

To reserve a slot for the Belgrade clinic call Scott or Kristin Schuster at 406-580-8331 or email: ranchroper713@gmail.com

### STATE 4-H HORSE COMMITTEE OPENING

District 7 has one opening for an adult interested in filling a vacancy on the Montana State 4-H Horse Committee. The term would end in 2013.

The State 4-H Horse Committee is the executive and decision making body on behalf of 4-H horse project

members throughout the state. The committee does not dictate county policies, but, when requested, assists in guiding individual county policies where no state rule exists.

Nomination forms are due Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and can be printed off the county 4-H website.

## STEER OF MERIT

The following members had steers at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Steer of Merit Program in Montana. The data from the ultrasound was used to meet a set of criteria to qualify.

### MT Steer of Merit Standards (2010)

Hot Carcass Weight – 600-900 pounds

Dressing Percentage – 55-68%

Back Fat – 0.15 – 0.60 inches

Ribeye Area – less than or equal to 17.5 square inches

Yield Grade – less than or equal to 2.99

Dark Cutter – no

Quality Grade – Choice or better

Cutability – great than or equal to 51%

### MontanaFair Steer of Merit Winners

Britta Hultgren - Ruff Riders

Hannah Kraft - Hesper Hustlers

Teghan Vermandel - Worden Riverdale

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to the following Department A Division Chairmen. The week could not happen without every individuals' help.

Superintendent: Deb Barta-Grice

Beef/Dairy Chairman: Brenda Bromenshenk

Hog Chairmen:

Sam McQuire, Bryan Steiger, Jadon Paddock (Jr.), & Riley Dalke (Jr.)

Sheep Chairmen:

Trish Hays, Greg Grice, Ryan Huntington (Jr.), & Dustin Huntington (Jr.)

Goat Chairmen:

Melody Harris, Connie McQuire, Cody Thatcher (Jr.), & Christopher Lanaghan (Jr.)

Llama Chairman:

Mark Cardwell

Small Animal Chairmen:

Lauris & Nancy Byxbe, Norma Seder, Lacey Lanaghan, Autumn McSweyn (Jr.) and Christopher Lanaghan (Jr.)

Dog Chairmen:

Sheila Ruble, Brooke Delaware

Horse Chairmen:

Gina Loose & Teri Welborn

Skillathon Chairman:

Wendy Thatcher

Large Animal Livestock Judging Chairmen:

Russell & Stacey Dietz, Shane Vandivort

## CLUB CORNER

Clubs who turned in club minutes this month.

**Cool Clovers** - We did a bake sale and petting zoo at Tractor Supply. We are going to the corn maze.

**Ruff Riders** - We had a 4-H information meeting. Project reports were given. The club is going to the corn maze.

**Shepherd Pioneers** - We installed new officers. Project meetings were announced.

**Town & Country** - We talked about our community service projects, record books and Family Fun Night.

**Yellowstone Mavericks** - The club took a trip to go watch the elk bugle. It was awesome! We talked about the Festival of Trees and Bell Ringing.

## ACHOO!

During this cold and flu season remember the best way to prevent illness is through hand washing. It is important to wash hands when preparing food, before eating, after using the restroom, after blowing your nose or sneezing, when coming in from play, and after playing with your pet.

Remember how far a cough and sneeze can spread. In this season of colds and flu please remember that if you are sick, please do not attend 4-H meeting and workshops. We will miss you but others in attendance will not be infected. We would be happy to catch you up on what you missed once you are well.

